

Effective September 1, 2017.

POWERS OF THE TEXAMERICAS CENTER

CHAPTER 993

H.B. No. 967

AN ACT

relating to the powers of the TexAmericas Center.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 3503.003(a), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The authority is created to:

(1) accept title on approval by, and in coordination with, the governor to all or a portion of the property on, adjacent to, or related to the property described by Section 3503.004 from the United States;

(2) promote the location and development of new businesses, industries, and commercial activities on or related to the property;

(3) undertake a project the board considers necessary or incidental to the industrial, commercial, or business development, redevelopment, maintenance, and expansion of new or existing businesses on and for the property described by Section 3503.004, including the acquisition, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, replacement, improvement, extension, expansion, or enhancement of:

(A) roads, bridges, and rights-of-way;

(B) housing;

(C) property;

(D) police, fire, medical, cultural, educational, and research services, equipment, institutions, and resources;

(E) other community support services;

(F) flood control, water, wastewater treatment, natural gas, electricity, solid waste disposal, steam generation, communications, and all other utility facilities and services;

(G) other infrastructure improvements; and

(H) any other services or facilities acquired by the authority from the United States;

(4) promote or support an active military base located in the same county as the authority to prevent closure or realignment of the base and attract new military missions to the base; ~~and~~

(5) exercise the powers granted to a conservation and reclamation district under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; *and*

(6) *promote regional economic development and job creation inside the district's boundaries and outside of the district's boundaries in Bowie County and adjacent counties.*

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 3503, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 3503.112 to read as follows:

Sec. 3503.112. NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS. (a) The authority may authorize by resolution the creation of a nonprofit corporation under the Business Organizations Code solely to undertake on behalf of the authority a project described by Section 3503.003(a)(3).

(b) *The board shall appoint the board of directors of each nonprofit corporation created under this section. A board member is not required to reside in the authority.*

(c) *A board member or employee of the authority may simultaneously serve as a member of the board of directors of a nonprofit corporation. A person serving as a board member of the authority and of a nonprofit corporation created under this section may participate in all votes relating to the business of the authority or the corporation.*

(d) *The nonprofit corporation may not exercise the power of eminent domain.*

(e) *A nonprofit corporation created under this section is subject to Chapters 551 and 552, Government Code.*

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 4, 2017: Yeas 115, Nays 29, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE PLAN FOR STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

CHAPTER 994

H.B. No. 970

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a state plan for *Streptococcus pneumoniae* education and prevention.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subtitle D, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 94A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 94A. STATE PLAN FOR STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE; EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

Sec. 94A.001. **STATE PLAN FOR STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE.** (a) *The department, using existing resources and programs to the extent possible, shall develop a state plan for prevention and treatment of diseases caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. The plan must include strategies for prevention and treatment of diseases caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae* in specific demographic groups that are disproportionately affected by the diseases, including persons who are elderly, children under two years of age, persons living in long-term care facilities, persons with a chronic heart or lung disease, smokers, and persons with asplenia.*

(b) *In developing the plan, the department shall seek the advice of:*

(1) *the public, including members of the public who have been infected with *Streptococcus pneumoniae*;*

(2) *each state agency that provides services to persons infected with *Streptococcus pneumoniae* or that is assigned duties related to diseases caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, including any appropriate health and human services agency described by Section 531.001, Government Code, the Employees Retirement System of Texas, and the Teacher Retirement System of Texas;*

(3) *any advisory body that addresses issues related to diseases caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae*;*

(4) *public advocates concerned with issues related to diseases caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae*;*